

## MEMORANDUM

To: School Superintendents, Principals, and High Ability Coordinators

From: Amanda McCammon, Director of PK-16

Date: September 8, 2017

Re: IC 20-36-2-2 High Ability Grant Timeline & Request to Participate

### **Background:**

IC 20-36-2-2 School corporation high ability programs; criteria Sec. 2. A governing body shall develop and periodically update a local plan to provide appropriate educational experiences to high ability students in the school corporation in kindergarten through grade 12. The plan must include the following components:

- (1) The establishment of a broad based planning committee that meets periodically to review the local education authority's plan for high ability students. The committee must have representatives from diverse groups representing the school and community.
- (2) Student assessments that identify high ability students using multifaceted assessments to ensure that students not identified by traditional assessments because of economic disadvantage, cultural background, underachievement, or disabilities are included. The assessments must identify students with high abilities in the general intellectual domain and specific academic domains. The results of an assessment under this subdivision must be recorded with the student test number assigned to a student.
- (3) Professional development.
- (4) Development and implementation of local services for high ability students, including appropriately differentiated curriculum and instruction in the core academic areas designated by the state board for each grade consistent with federal, state, local, and private funding sources.

(5) Evaluation of the local program for high ability students. As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.20. Amended by P.L.84-2007, SEC.3.

**Guidance:**

To request to participate for 2017-18 (FY18) High Ability Grant funding, all NEW 2017-18 applicants will need to **complete the request to participate form** by **September 22, 2017**, located at <https://form.jotformpro.com/72426404015951>. *Grant allocation calculations will be formulated from this request to participate, therefore any districts that do not complete a timely submission of this request to participate will not be considered to receive a high ability grant allocation for 2017/18 (FY18).*

**All previously funded 2016-17 (FY17) High Ability Grantees will NOT need to complete this request to participate.** Grant allocation amounts will be available on September 29, 2017.

**Timeline for 2017-18 (FY18) High Ability Grant:**

September 8th: 2016/17 (FY17) Final Report Available for Completion (2016/17 Grantees Only)  
September 8th: 2017/18 (FY18) Request to Participate Released (NEW Grantees Only)  
September 22nd: 2017/18 (FY18) Request to Participate Deadline (NEW Grantees Only)  
September 29th: 2017/18 (FY18) Grant Allocations and Application Released (ALL Grantees)  
September 30th: Final Day to Expend 2016/17 (FY17) Funds (2016/17 Grantees Only)  
October 27th: 2017/18 (FY18) Applications DUE by 5pm EST (ALL Grantees)  
October 31st: 2016/17 (FY17) Final Reports DUE by 5pm EST (2016/17 Grantees Only)

***Please send an email notification to [hacoordinator@doe.in.gov](mailto:hacoordinator@doe.in.gov) upon completion of your 2016-17 (FY17) Final Report and/or your 2017-18 (FY18) Grant Application.***

2016-17 (FY17) Final Reports must be submitted before any 2017-18 (FY18) funds will be awarded. 2017-18 (FY18) grant applications will be reviewed and approved in the order in which they are received and will be processed as quickly as possible.

2016-17 (FY17) final reports and 2017-18 (FY18) grant applications are to be inputted into the DOE Online system, located at <https://highabilitygrant.doe.in.gov/>. Applicants will need a DOE



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In order to view recorded webinars and resources, all school districts applying for High Ability Grant funds will need to have access to Moodle. The site to access these resources is located at: <http://moodle.doe.in.gov/>.

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Novotney, High Ability Specialist, [lnovotney@doe.in.gov](mailto:lnovotney@doe.in.gov) or Melissa Blossom, Assistant Director of Secondary Curriculum, [mblossom@doe.in.gov](mailto:mblossom@doe.in.gov).